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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MFA ON ANERA BROCHURE FLAP

REF: (A) JERUSALEM 239, (B) TEL AVIV 1549

1. IN MEETINGS AT DEPARTMENT ON FEBRUARY 25 AND MARCH 8 ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON AND JOHN RICHARDSON AND EVAN WILSON OF ANERA AGREED ON APPROACH TO BE FOLLOWED IN RESPONDING TO MFA'S COMPLAINT ABOUT ANERA'S ARABIC-LANGUAGE BROCHURE.

2. IT WAS DECIDED THAT ATHERTON WOULD WRITE LETTER TO MFA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL EVRON ENCLOSING A LETTER TO ATHERTON SIGNED BY WILSON AND RICHARDSON IN WHICH ANERA (1) GIVES AN EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT; (2) OUTLINES WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO AVOID A REPETITION (DESTRUCTION OF REMAINING BROCHURES AND MAKING AVAILABLE TO GOI ADVANCE COPIES OF ANY FUTURE ARABIC-LANGUAGE LITERATURE  
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INTENDED FOR DISTRIBUTION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES); (3) EXPRESSES DESIRE FOR HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IN THE FUTURE.

3. ATHERTON'S LETTER TO EVRON (BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY) CITES EXPLANATION GIVEN IN WILSON-RICHARDSON LETTER TO HIM AND HOPES THAT MFA WILL BE SATISFIED WITH THIS EXPLANATION

AND WILL ALLOW RESUMPTION OF PROCESSING OF ANERA FY-1977 PROGRAM. ATHERTON THANKS EVRON FOR HANDLING THIS MATTER IN A LOW-KEY AND PRACTICAL FASHION.

4. IN MARCH 8 MEETING WILSON AND RICHARDSON BROUGHT TO ATHERTON'S ATTENTION LETTER FROM ANERA'S HENRY SELZ EXPRESSING ALARM AT MSW'S CALL FOR JOINT EXECUTION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION'S GAZA STRIP PROGRAM. RICHARDSON AND WILSON EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT GOI INTENDED TO TAKE CONTROL OF ALL VOLAG PROGRAMS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ATHERTON AGREED THAT THIS WOULD UNDERMINE THE RATIONALE FOR THE VOLAG'S INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT WORK IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND WOULD PUT US IN A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AID RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VOLAGS HAVING NO MEANINGFUL FUNCTION.

5. WE AND AID ARE REVIEWING SELZ LETTER TO DEVELOP TACTICS FOR DEALING WITH POSSIBLE NEW SITUATION IT RAISES AND WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN NEAR FUTURE.

6. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER ATHERTON LETTER TO EVRON WHEN IT ARRIVES.  
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